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SUBJECT: UNSSOD, PREPCOM V: SOVIET INQUIRY ABOUT
REPORTED US CUTOFF STUDY

REF: USUN 683

1. BEFORE START OF INITIAL PREPCOM V MEETING, APRIL 4, SOVREP (STACHEVSKY) REQUESTED THAT WEILER (USDEL) MEET HIM BRIEFLY AFTER PREPCOM SESSION: IN THE SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH STACHEVSKY, SOVIET REP SAID HE REALIZED US AND SOVIET DELS WOULD BE MEETING TOMORROW, BUT THAT HE WISHED BEFORE THAT TIME TO SEEK SOME CLARIFICATION RE-GARDING RICHARD BURT NEW YORK TIMES STORY THAT US WAS STUDYING PROPOSAL FOR CUTOFF ON FISSIONABLE MATERIAL PRODUCTION FOR WEAPONS PURPOSES.

2. STACHEVSKY RECALLED THAT IN DISCUSSION WITH WEILER DURING PREPCOM IV (REFTEL) HE HAD SAID IF THERE WERE AN AGREEMENT TO NEGOTIATE ON BREZHNEV PROPOSAL FOR HALT IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS PRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION OF THE PREVIOUS-LY US PROPOSED CUTOFF IDEA COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED. HE THEN ASKED IF REPORTED US STUDY WAS LIMITED TO THE FISSIONABLE MATERIAL CUTOFF IDEA OR WHETHER IT INCLUDED
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STUDY OF BREZHNEV PROPOSAL.

3. WEILER SAID US WAS LOOKING AT VARIOUS AREAS IN PREPARATION FOR SSOD AND THAT REVIEWING EARLIER CUT-OFF PROPOSAL SEEMED TO SOME TO BE SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE DONE. HE SAID NO DECISION ON THE CUTOFF IDEA HAD BEEN MADE. WEILER SAID US WAS NOT ENGAGED IN

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A REVIEW OF THE SOVIET PROPOSAL.

4. STACHEVSKY SAID THIS WAS UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE THE BREZHNEV PROPOSAL AND THE CUTOFF IDEA "GO TOGETHER". HE SAID IF US WISHED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL, THE US SHOULD DISCUSS SUCH QUESTIONS WITH THEM HE ADDED THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD PROBABLY HAVE MORE TO SAY ABOUT THEIR PROPOSAL DURING THE SSOD, BUT THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THESE TWO RELATED IDEAS BEFORE THEN. WEILER NOTED THAT BREZHNEV PROPOSAL INCLUDED ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES NOT MERELY US AND USSR. STACHEVSKY REPLIED THAT THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT COULD BE DISCUSSED; HE SAID SOVIET VIEW ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS WAS THAT AT SOME STAGE FORCES OF US ALLIES HAD TO BE CONSIDERED BUT SOVIETS HAD NEVERTHELESS ENGAGED IN BILATERAL SALT NEGOTIATIONS WITH US. STACHEVSKY CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE TWO SIDES SHOULD CONTINUE THEIR DISCUSSION DURING THE SSOD AND AFTER THE SPECIAL SESSION. LEONARD

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